

5-3B-09. APPEAL.

A PARTY TO A CASE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY APPEAL TO THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS FROM AN INTERLOCUTORY OR FINAL ORDER.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-330.

5-3B-10. RESERVED.

5-3B-11. RESERVED.

PART II. ADOPTION PROCEEDING.

5-3B-12. AUTHORITY TO PLACE CHILD FOR ADOPTION.

EXCEPT FOR A CHILD BEING PLACED FOR ADOPTION WITH A RELATIVE OF THE CHILD, BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE WITHIN 4 DEGREES OF AFFINITY OR CONSANGUINITY UNDER THE CIVIL LAW RULE, A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT MAY PLACE A CHILD FOR ADOPTION ONLY IF:

(1) A PETITION FOR ADOPTION IS FILED IN COURT; AND

(2) THE COURT, BY ORDER, SANCTIONS THE PLACEMENT PENDING FINAL ACTION ON THE PETITION.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-507(c).

Defined term: "Parent" § 5-3B-01

5-3B-13. PETITION.

(A) ELIGIBLE ADOPTEE.

ANY ADULT OR MINOR MAY BE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) PETITIONER.

(1) ANY ADULT MAY PETITION A COURT FOR ADOPTION.

(2) IF A PETITIONER IS MARRIED, THE PETITIONER'S SPOUSE SHALL JOIN IN THE PETITION UNLESS THE SPOUSE:

(I) IS SEPARATED FROM THE PETITIONER UNDER A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT GIVES THE PETITIONER A GROUND FOR ANNULMENT OR DIVORCE;

(II) IS NOT COMPETENT TO JOIN IN THE PETITION; OR

(III) 1. IS A PARENT OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE; AND

2. HAS CONSENTED TO THE ADOPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) PENDING CASE.